

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An emergency communication system, comprising an emergency communication system terminal unit installed on a vehicle, emergency communication conveying means serving as a
5 communication device and connected to said terminal unit so that a signal can be transmitted and received, said emergency communication system transmits emergency information to a predetermined communication partner via said emergency communication conveying means, whereby said emergency communication system comprises:
10 means for detecting whether or not said emergency communication conveying means is connected to said emergency communication system terminal unit so that signal can be transmitted and received; and
means for prohibiting advancing movement of the vehicle when it
15 is detected that the conveying means is not connected as the result of said detection.
2. An emergency communication system according to claim 1, wherein a handy phone is used as said emergency communication
20 conveying means, and a telephone number specific to said handy phone is collated with a telephone number stored in advance, and if two telephone numbers do not agree with each other, operation of a starting system of the vehicle is turned to disable status.
3. An emergency communication system according to claim 1,
25 wherein, in case automatic transmission is adopted in the vehicle,

operation of the starting system of the vehicle is turned to disable status so that a shift knob cannot be shifted from parking range to the other range.

5 4. An emergency communication system according to claim 1, wherein operation of a starting system of the vehicle is turned to disable status by prohibiting the release of parking brake of the vehicle.

10 5. An emergency communication system according to claim 1, wherein, in case it is not possible to confirm normal connection of the emergency communication conveying means to the emergency communication system terminal unit, there is further provided means for transmitting information to the user that it is not possible to confirm normal connection of the emergency communication conveying means.

15 6. An emergency communication system according to claim 1, wherein an indicator is provided on a dashboard where instruments are installed, and said indicator is used for transmitting that it is not possible to confirm normal connection of the emergency communication
20 conveying means.

25 7. An emergency communication system according to claim 1, wherein, in case it is not possible to confirm normal connection of the emergency communication conveying means to the emergency communication system terminal unit, there is provided further means for

recording the data that it is not possible to confirm normal connection of the emergency communication conveying means as history.